THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE (KUMARI SELJA): (a) (a) Yes, Sir. Last year a few cases of ill-mannered acts of ragging came to the notice of the authorities of the School. A Committee was constitted to investigate into he incident of ragging and identify the guilty students. The Director had obtained un-conditional apologies from the students that in future they would never idulge in such activities One student was penalised by usspension.

(b) No serious ragging incident involving cruelty has been brought to the notice of the Government.

(c) Government has already issued instructions to stop ragging completely in the educational institutions in the country. Whereas this practice is reprehensible, it is for the universities and college authorities and the students themselves to ensure that 'ragging' does not take place.

National Archives Annexe

3408. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Archives annexe which was ready for occupation sometime last year is still lying vacant and that priceless documents which were to be taken over are being spoiled due to dampness and are being eaten by moth in the various Ministries;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for non-utilisation of the national Archives annexe for the purpose it was built; and

(c) whether any time bound programme has been formulated to house the priceless documents lying in various ministries?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) The process of appraisal of all 25 year old records of all Government Departments with a view to transfering them to the National Archives of India is a continuous one. However, he annexe building had to be air-conditioned before these valuable Government records could be transferred to it so as to ensure their proper upkeep. The air-conditioning of the blulding has been completed only recently.

(c) A phased programme has been formulated and follow-up action is being taken for accessioning records from Government Departments.

Financial Assistance for construction of Sports Complex

3409. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Maharashtra has submitted any proposal for financial assistance for the construction of a sports complex;

(b) if so, whether it has been approved and the funds allocated; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MUKUL WASNIK): (a) and (b) A proposal for construction of a State Level Sports Complex at Pune was submitted by Government of Maharashtra to the Government of India in 1989. It was approved at an estimated cost of Rs. 2.47 crore and Central assistance of Rs. 1.24 crore was also sanctioned and released in two instalments.

(c) Does not arise.